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1. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS CORRESPOND TO QUESTIONS RAISED
IN PARAGRPAH 6 A THRU E OF STATE 037591.

2. COMINANT CONSIDERATION INFLUENCING GOVERNMENT OF
CYPRUS' MULTILATERAL POLICIES AND VOTING PATTERNS IN
UN AND ELSEWHERE IS ITS DESIRE TO OBTAIN SUPPORT FOR THE
GREEK CYPRIOT POSITION ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION. SUBSTANTIVELY,
GOC'S MAIN CONCERNS ARE 1) OBTAINING RESOLUTIONS WHICH SEEK
TO PUT PRESSURE ON TURKEY TO MODIFY ITS POLICES AND
PRESENCE ON CYPRUS AND 2) DEFEATING TURK CYPRIOT ATTEMPTS
TO ENHANCE THEIR STATUS AND ADDRESS INTERNATIONAL BODIES.
GOC WAS SUCCESSFUL IN PREVENTING TURK CYPRIOTS FROM
GAINING ANY STATUS AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN LIMA;
SUCCESSFULLY REBUFFED TURKISH ATTEMPTS TO SECURE
TURK CYPRIOT REPRESENTATION AT CSCE CONFERENCE
IN HELSINKI; AND, MORE RECENTLY, LOBBIED AGAINST
ALLOWING TURK CYPRIOTS RIGHT TO ADDRESS HUMAN
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RIGHTS CONFERENCE IN GENEVA.

3. GOC HAS GENERALLY TAILORED ITS POLICIES AND VOTES TO PREVAILING MAJORITY (I.E., NON-ALIGNED) ATTITUDES WITHOUT MUCH REGARD TO THE MERITS OF A GIVEN ISSUE. THUS, IN RETURN FOR A STRONGLY PRO-GREEK AND ANTI-TURKISH RESOLUTION AT THE LIMA NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, GOC INDISCRIMINATELY SUPPORTED "NON-ALIGNED" POSITIONS. TO SECURE ARAB SUPPORT, GOC VOTED FOR THE ZIONISM RESOLUTION AND TO SECURE THIRD WORLD SUPPORT, IT VOTED WITH MAJORITY FOR HOSTILE KOREA AND DECOLONIZATION RESOLUTIONS DESPITE USG EFFORTS TO OBTAIN GOC ABSTENTION.

4. GOC PERMANENT DELEGATE IS UNDER GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE IN ORDER TO GAIN MAXIMUM SUPPORT ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE. HOWEVER, GOC OCCASIONALLY DOES ISSUE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS. ON AT LEAST ONE IMPORTANT OCCASION (THE VOTE ON PRC A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO), THE GOC DELEGATE DID NOT FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS. OUR IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, IS THAT HE USUALLY DOES KEEP IN TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH THE GOC FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THAT LATTER IS GENERALLY ABLE TO CONTROL THE VOTING.

5. GOC PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OR HEADS OF DELEGATION DO NOT HAVE INDEPENDENT POLITICAL POWER WHICH LIMITS GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO CONTROL OR INSTRUCT THEM. PERSONAL ECCENTRICITIES OF GIVEN REPRESENTATIVE, HOWEVER, (I.E., PRESENT PERMANENT DELEGATE TO UN) SOMETIMES COMPLICATES MATTERS.

6. TO A DEGREE, THE GOC IS RECEPTIVE TO US REPRESENTATIONS ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES. IN NEARLY EVERY CASE, HOWEVER, CRUCIAL FACTOR IS SUPPORT WHICH GOC STANDS TO LOSE OR GAIN BY A GIVEN VOTE. WHEN US REPRESENTATIONS ARE MADE, GOC OFFICIALS OFTEN ACKNOWLEDGE REASONABLENESS OF US VIEWS BUT INDICATE THAT THEY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT

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TO VOTE WITH THE MAJORITY. GOC BELIEVES USG-GOC BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP IS DETERMINED PRIMARILY BY US INTEREST IN A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT, US TIMES TO GREECE AND TURKEY, AND CONGRESSIONAL AND GREEK LOBBY CONSIDERATIONS. THUS, GOC DOES NOT APPEAR TO TAKE SERIOUSLY INTERACTION OR ITS STANCE ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES WITH BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.

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